

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An appliance leveling system, comprising:
a bolt having a threaded portion with a diameter;
a nut having a threaded aperture configured to engage the threaded portion of the bolt;
and
an appliance leg including a first generally horizontally oriented member, a second generally horizontally oriented member positioned at a vertically spaced apart location from the first horizontally oriented member, at least two vertically oriented side walls extending between the first and second horizontally oriented members, a first bolt receiving aperture formed in the first horizontally oriented member and having a diameter greater than the bolt diameter to provide free axial movement of the bolt relative to the first bolt receiving aperture, a second bolt receiving aperture formed in the second horizontally oriented member and having a diameter greater than the bolt diameter, and a nut receiving structure defined by the first and second horizontally oriented members and the at least two vertically oriented side walls, the nut receiving structure configured to receive and retain the nut;
whereby rotation of the bolt relative to the nut adjusts a vertical height of the appliance.
2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the bolt receiving aperture is positioned at a base first horizontally oriented member defines a vertically lower most surface of the appliance leg.
3. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the nut receiving structure is a slot formed in the leg defines a slot that is open in a direction perpendicular to an axis of the threaded aperture for insertion of the nut into the slot.
4. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the nut receiving structure includes a second bolt receiving aperture having a diameter greater than the bolt diameter to

provide free axial movement of the bolt relative to the nut receiving structure, the second bolt receiving aperture being aligned with the first bolt receiving aperture and the threaded aperture the first and second bolt receiving apertures are sized to provide free axial movement of the bolt relative to first and second horizontally oriented members.

5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the nut is removably positioned in the nut receiving structure.

6. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the bolt further includes an adjustment structure that facilitates rotation of the bolt, the adjustment structure being exposed at an end of the bolt positioned vertically above the first horizontally oriented member.

7. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the threads of the bolt are formed along a portion of a length of the bolt nut receiving structure is integrally formed as a single piece.

8. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the nut has a square shaped circumference and the nut receiving structure includes a generally square shaped recess having an internal size substantially the same size as the outer circumference of the nut.

9. (currently amended) An appliance, comprising:
a leveling system including a threaded bolt and a nut having a threaded aperture sized to engage the threaded bolt; and

a leg having an end member defining a lower most surface of the appliance, an a first aperture formed in an the end of the leg member, a cross member extending in an orientation generally parallel to the end member and positioned vertically space above the end member, the cross member including a second aperture aligned with the first aperture, and a nut receiving structure defined by the end member, the cross member, and a plurality of side members extending between the end and cross members, the nut receiving structure being sized to receive and retain the nut in a position in which the threaded aperture is aligned with the leg aperture, the nut receiving structure being integrally formed as a single piece;

wherein the leg aperture is first and second apertures are sized to facilitate free axial movement of the threaded bolt through the leg aperture, and rotation of the threaded bolt relative to the nut adjusts a vertical height of the appliance.

10. (original) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the appliance is a heat generating device.

11. (currently amended) The appliance of claim [[10]] 9, wherein the heat generating device is a fuel burning stove, the stove including a plurality of panels that define an enclosed combustion chamber enclosure wherein fuel is burned for the generation of heat.

12. (original) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the appliance includes at least two legs, each leg including the leveling system, the leg aperture, and the nut receiving structure.

13. (original) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the nut has a square shaped circumference.

14. (currently amended) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the leg aperture has the first and second apertures have a diameter that is greater than a diameter of the threaded bolt.

15. (currently amended) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the nut receiving structure includes a cavity defined by an end of the leg and a cross member that extends end and cross members extend in a direction perpendicular to an axis of the leg aperture first and second apertures aperture, the cavity having a size substantially similar to the size of the nut.

16. (original) The appliance of claim 15, wherein the cavity is open on at least one side of the leg to removably position the nut in the nut receiving structure.

17. (currently amended) The appliance of claim 15, wherein the predetermined position includes a position that permits cavity size limits rotation of the nut about an axis of the threaded aperture less than 45 degrees.

18. (currently amended) A method of adjusting a height of an appliance, the appliance including a threaded bolt, a nut having an threaded aperture sized to engage the threaded bolt, and a leg having an end member, a cross member and a plurality of sidewalls that together define a nut receiving structure and within the leg, the end member including a first bolt receiving aperture formed in an end thereof and the cross member including a second bolt receiving aperture aligned with the first bolt receiving structure, the method comprising the steps of:

positioning the nut in the nut receiving structure thereby retaining the nut and restricting rotation of the nut relative to the leg;

threading the bolt into the threaded aperture of the nut; and

moving the bolt through the first and second bolt receiving aperture apertures without engaging the bolt leg;

whereby rotation of the bolt relative to the retained nut adjusts the height of the appliance.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the nut receiving structure includes a slot having an internal shape and size that substantially matches an outer shape and size of the nut, and the positioning step includes moving the nut into the slot.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the threaded bolt includes an adjustment structure positioned at an end of the bolt positioned vertically above the end member, and the threading step including engaging the adjustment structure to rotate the threaded bolt relative to the nut.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the adjustment structure includes an Allen type structure having at least five sidewalls, and the threading step includes engaging the Allen structure with an Allen wrench and rotating the threaded bolt with the Allen wrench.

22. (new) The method of claim 18, wherein the nut receiving structure is formed as a single, unitary piece.